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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c) TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issuance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, along with an Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that is being filed as the submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicants note that the accompanying RCE, Amendment, and IDS are being filed in order to allow the U.S.P.T.O. the opportunity to examine art not previously considered in the context of the presently amended independent Claim 88 and the remaining previously allowed claims.

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This petition is accompanied by payment of the \$130 fec set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,
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